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THE BRYAN PEACE TREATIES

There recently has appeared in the public press the authentic text of the first of the series of treaties, the negotiations for which were initiated by Mr. Bryan soon after his assumption of the duties of the office of Secretary of State, having for their object the investigation of all questions of every nature whatever which diplomacy may fail to settle.

The proposed treaties have come to be popularly regarded as substitutes for the unratified arbitration treaties negotiated during Mr. Taft's administration. This mistaken idea, and the recollection of the tortuous passage of the Taft treaties through the Senate, have aroused a great deal of interest and no little curiosity among those persons who are interested in peace and arbitration as to the exact phraseology which Mr.